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1. (LUD) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE BRIEFED TO
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A. (LOU) TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS: DESPITE AN UNANNOUNCED BUT STRICTLY ENFORCED 2200 CURFEW, ROCKETS STRUCK KABUL ON THREE NIGHTS. IN ADDITION, A HELICOPTER CRASHED. SEVERE GASOLINE SHORTAGES AND INCREASING POWER OUTAGES COMPOUNDED PROBLEMS FOR RESIDENTS OF THE CAPITAL. MEANWHILE, PRESS GANGS HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY AGGRESSIVE, DRAGOONING BOYS AS YOUNG AS 16 FROM THE STREETS AND EVEN FROM SCHOOLS FOR THE DRA MILITARY. THE ACTIVITY APPEARS RELATED TO NAJIBULLAH'S CALL FOR AN INCREASE IN THE DRA'S ARMED FORCES. REPORTS INDICATE THAT STUDENTS ARE AMONG THE SUPPORTERS OF SARRAK KARMAL WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN THE WAKE OF THE RECENT PARTY PLENUM AND CONFERENCE. FIGHTING CONTINUES TO THE SOUTH AND WEST. LOCUS FOR MOST ROCKET LAUNCHES AGAINST THE CITY. FOLLOWING THE PARTY CONFERENCE, NAJIBULLAH LED A HIGH-RANKING DELEGATION TO MOSCOW TO ATTEND THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOLSHEVIK REVOLUTION. REPORTS FROM LOGAR ARE BEGINNING TO PROVIDE THE OUTLINES OF THE MAJOR SOVIET/DRA OFFENSIVE THERE IN LATE OCTOBER. CIVILIAN CASUALTIES APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN HEAVY. CIVILIAN CASUALTIES ALSO ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN HEAVY IN RECENT FIGHTING IN PAGHMAN, THE SHOMALI, PARBAN AND KAMIYAN. AFGHANS REPORT THAT THE GHAZNI ROAD (KABUL TO KANDAHAR ROAD) IS AGAIN CLOSED WITH ACCOUNTS OF MULTIPLE MUJAHIDIN AMBUSHES ALONG THE ROUTE THROUGH GHAZNI AND ZARUL PROVINCES. INCOMING CASUALTIES FROM KANDAHAR CORROBORATE REPORTS OF HEAVY FIGHTING IN AND AROUND THE CITY. REPORTS ALSO POINT TO NEW FIGHTING IN THE PANJSHIR AND NEAR MAIDAN SHAK. POSSIBLY THE DESTINATION OF A LARGE SOVIET ARMORED COLUMN WHICH LEFT KABUL ON OCTOBER 29. THE REGIME HAS ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF TWO NOV-POPA INDIVIDUALS TO SENIOR DRA POSITIONS. BOTH ARE MEMBERS OF A LEFTIST LABOR GROUPS WITH WHICH THE POPA RECENTLY HAS EXPANDED TIES. A COMPARISON OF OCTOBER 1986 AND 1987 MARKET PRICES INDICATES SUBSTANTIAL PRICE INCREASES FOR SUCH STAPLES AS GRAINS, FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AND MEATS. THE PRICE RISES ARE WELL IN EXCESS OF THE 20 PERCENT DECLINE IN THE VALUE OF THE AFGHANI RECORDED OVER THE SAME PERIOD.

B. (C) NOT TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS: THE DRA FOREIGN MINISTRY CLAIMS TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF TWO U.S. JOURNALISTS REPORTED KILLED IN THE PAGHMAN AREA IN EARLY OCTOBER. IT WILL INVESTIGATE. AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT CLAIMS TWO SOVIET AIRCRAFT RECENTLY COLLIDED WITH RESULTING HEAVY LOSS OF SOVIET PERSONNEL. A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS A RUMOR THAT KARMAL HAS BEEN MOVED OUT OF MOSCOW.

3. (LOU) KABUL CITY DEVELOPMENTS: DESPITE UNUSUALLY TIGHT SECURITY, INCLUDING ENFORCEMENT OF AN AS YET UNANNOUNCED CURFEW, AND SOVIET-DRA SWEEP OPERATIONS SOUTH AND WEST OF THE CITY, MUJAHIDIN ROCKETED THE CAPITAL THREE NIGHTS DURING THE WEEK. ON OCTOBER 30, A

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HELICOPTER CRASHED AND BURIED INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS.
SOVIET ARMOR AND AGGRESSIVE REGIME SECURITY PERSONNEL
MANNED NIGHTTIME CHECKPOINTS AND ROAD BLOCKS THROUGHOUT
THE CAPITAL, VIRTUALLY SEALING OFF THE WESTERN PART OF
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THE CITY. SOME CIVILIANS WHO VENTURED OUT AFTER 2130
HOURS, UNAWARE OF THE UNANNOUNCED CURFEW, WERE DETAINED
BRIEFLY. DRA PRESS GANGS MEANWHILE, STEPPED UP THEIR
RECRUITMENT OF YOUNG MEN, DRAGUING BOYS AS YOUNG AS 16
(SEE HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS, PARA 18). RELIABLE
DIPLOMAT AND LOCAL SOURCES REPORTED THE FOLLOWING
SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS:

-- OCTOBER 31: AT 0030, FIVE ROCKETS IMPACTED IN THE

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KHAIR KHANA AREA.

-- OCTOBER 30: AT 1603, A HELICOPTER CRASHED, EXPLODED AND BURNED NEAR A MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT WAREHOUSE OFFICE ADJACENT TO PERIMETER ROAD. THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET ARMORED VEHICLES GUARDING THE WRECKAGE SITE INDICATED THAT THE HELICOPTER PROBABLY WAS SOVIET.

-- OCTOBER 29: A LOCAL SOURCE REPORTS SEVERAL SALVOS OF ROCKETS STRUCK THE CITY IN THE DARLLAMAN AREA; ONE IMPACTED NEAR A DRA MILITARY POST KILLING SEVERAL DRA TROOPS. THE ROCKETS REPORTEDLY WERE FIRED FROM HIGH GROUND IN THE PAGHMAN AREA. AT 0005, DIPLOMATS HEARD THREE SMALL EXPLOSIONS IN THE KARTE PARWAN AREA, POSSIBLY CAUSED BY IMPACTING MORTAR ROUNDS.

-- OCTOBER 26: NUMEROUS SOURCES REPORT INCOMING ROCKETS IN THE KHAIR KHANA, KARTE PARWAN AND CHILSITON AREAS. TWO ROCKETS HIT A SOVIET MILITARY CAMP IN KHAIR KHANA DESTROYING SEVERAL MILITARY VEHICLES; ONE HIT A HOUSE IN THE CHILSITON AREA. THE HARBAGE PROMPTED OUTGOING ARTILLERY FIRE.

-- COMBAT IN THE PROVINCES --

4. (LUG) KANUL PROVINCE:

A. KABUL WEST: SPORADIC FIGHTING CONTINUED WEST OF KABUL IN THE PAGHMAN-KARGHA AREA, HIGHLIGHTED BY MUJAHIDIN ATTACKS ON SOVIET AND DRA POSITIONS NEAR KARGHA, OCTOBER 26 AND 29. SARANDOI UNITS POSITIONED NEAR KARGHA LAKE THROUGH THE SUMMER HAVE PULLED BACK TO KABUL. DIPLOMATIC AND LOCAL SOURCES REPORT THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS:

-- OCTOBER 30: AN AFGHAN REPORTS THAT SOVIET ARTILLERY FIRED INTO POPULATED AREAS IN THE PAGHMAN AREA LATE IN THE DAY WOUNDING AND KILLING SOME CIVILIANS (INCLUDING A RELATIVE OF THIS SOURCE).

-- OCTOBER 29: A KNOWLEDGEABLE AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTS MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED SOVIET AND DRA POSITIONS NEAR KARGHA LAKE DURING THE EVENING.

-- OCTOBER 26: FOLLOWING SOVIET AERIAL BOMBARDMENT OF THE SANGLAKH VALLEY DURING THE DAY, MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED SOVIET AND DRA POSITIONS NEAR KARGHA LAKE DURING THE NIGHT. IN FIGHTING SOUTHWEST OF PAGHMAN, HEARD IF KABUL, DRA FORCES LOST 16 KILLED AND KHAF FOUR. SOVIET FORCES ALSO TOOK CASUALTIES IN THE FIGHTING.

-- OCTOBER 24-25: DURING THE EVENING (EITHER OCTOBER 24 OR 25) A BOMB EXPLODED IN A SMALL VILLAGE WEST OF KABUL CITY ON THE NORTHERN PAGHMAN ROAD. SHORTLY AFTER THE

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FORCES REMAINED POSITIONED ON NEARBY HILLS.

3. KABUL SOUTH:

-- OCTOBER 31: RELIABLE DIPLOMATS OBSERVED AN APPARENT SURFACE TO AIR MISSILE FIRED AT AN AN-26 AIRCRAFT AT A POINT APPROXIMATELY 15 KMS SOUTH OF KABUL. THE MISSILE MISSED ITS TARGET.

-- OCTOBER 30: AT 0720 JET AIRCRAFT WERE OBSERVED CIRCLING OVER HIGH GROUND SOUTHWEST OF THE CITY. LATER IN THE MORNING JET AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING SU-25'S RETURNED FROM THE SOUTHWEST HEADING NORTH-EAST, APPARENTLY TOWARD BAGRAM AIRBASE.

-- OCTOBER 26 - 26: AFGHANS REPORT NIGHTLY FIGHTING BETWEEN MUJAHIDIN AND SOVIET FORCES SOUTH OF KABUL IN THE RISHGOR, TAPE TAJMEK AND DARULAMAN AREAS.

-- OCTOBER 26: AN AFGHAN REPORTS MUJAHIDIN IN LALANDAR (34°23'N 69°01'E) FIRED THREE ROCKETS INTO THE DALA-I SHOLA AREA (SOUTHWEST OF DARULAMAN) AT 2300.

4. KABUL NORTH: MULTIPLE SOURCES REPORT CONTINUED FIGHTING DURING THE WEEK IN THE SHAKACARA AREA WHERE SOVIET/DRA ARTILLERY FIRE CAUSED CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. ON OCTOBER 25, DIPLOMATS REPORT OUTGOING ARTILLERY FIRE AT 2105 ACCOMPANIED BY MACHINEGUN AND OTHER AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE NORTH OF THE KHAIR KHANA PASS.

5. (LOU) LOGAR: MULTIPLE SOURCES HAVE PROVIDED DETAILS OF THE MAJOR SOVIET/DRA CAMPAIGN IN CENTRAL LOGAR PROVINCE DURING THE LAST TEN DAYS OF OCTOBER. SOVIET UNITS FROM MOGOR (ZAROL) REPORTEDLY JOINED SOVIET UNITS BASED IN KABUL AND A DRA DIVISION BASED AT CHAFAR ASIAR (34°24'N 69°09'E) IN ASSAULTS AGAINST MUJAHIDIN POSITIONS AT KOLANGAR (34°02'N 69°01'E), MUHAMMAD ASHA (34°13'N 69°06'E), KHVUSI (34°01'N 69°14'E), AND BARAKI BARAK (33°50'N 68°50'E). MUJAHIDIN FROM AS FAR AWAY AS PUGHMAN, THE PANJSHIR AND GHAZNI REPORTEDLY JOINED LOCAL MUJAHIDIN WHOSE RANKS HAD BEEN DEPLETED BY SEASONAL STRENGTH REDUCTIONS. IN SOME AREAS, PARTICULARLY BARAKI BARAK, SOVIET AND DRA FORCES TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE WEAKENED MUJAHIDIN POSITIONS AND ATTACKED PRO-MUJAHIDIN CIVILIANS, INFLECTING HEAVY CASUALTIES. (A RESIDENT OF THE AREA WHO LOST FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE SOVIET/DRA ASSAULTS SAID THAT VILLAGERS BELIEVED THE ATTACKING FORCES DELIBERATELY WAITED FOR THE SEASONAL DRAWDOWN OF MUJAHIDIN FORCES IN THE AREA BEFORE ATTACKING.) INTENSE SOVIET AIR AND ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT OF CIVILIAN AREAS, ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGEABLE DIPLOMATS AND AFGHAN SOURCES, ALSO CAUSED SIGNIFICANT LOSSES AMONG CIVILIANS. AN AFGHAN SOURCE CLAIMS THAT SOVIET

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FORCES LOST 30 TO 40 VEHICLES IN THE PROTRACTED,
WIDESPREAD FIGHTING. DIPLOMATS IN KARUL OBSERVED THE
RETURN OF SOVIET ARMORED UNITS FROM LOGAR, OCTOBER 25
AND 26, APPARENTLY SIGNALING THE WINDING DOWN OF
OPERATIONS. SEPARATE BATTLE REPORTS DETAIL SPECIFIC
ACTION IN THE FIGHTING:
-- OCTOBER 24: MUJAHIDIN OVERRAN TWO SOVIET POSTS AT
BARAKI RAJAN (33°56'N 66°55'E) KILLING OR WOUNDING TEN

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TO FIFTEEN OF THE SOVIET DEFENDERS.

-- OCTOBER 15-26: MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED A SOVIET COLUMN NEAR PUL-I-ALAM DESTROYING 20 VEHICLES.

-- OCTOBER 15-22: IN HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR CC KANUJ (33°57'N 69°19'93) SOVIET/DRA FORCES LOST EIGHT ARMORED VEHICLES AND SUFFERED APPROXIMATELY 100 WOUNDED AND KILLED.

-- OCTOBER: 18-19: MUJAHIDIN AMBUSHED A MAJOR, GARDY-KHUNDU SOVIET CONVOY ON THE LOGAR ROAD INFLECTING HEAVY CASUALTIES AND WERE BROUGHT BACK TO KAPUL. SOVIET AIRCRAFT RESPONDED WITH HEAVY BOMBING OF THE AREA.

6. (LCU) GHAZNI: ON OCTOBER 25, MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED A SOVIET CONVOY NEAR MONOR DESTROYING THREE SOVIET VEHICLES. TWO AFGHAN SOURCES REPORT MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED A KANDAHAR-KUNDU DRA SUPPLY CONVOY ON OCTOBER 22 AT JARAHGH, DESTROYING TWO ARMORED VEHICLES AND KILLING THREE DRA TROOPS.

7. (LCU) ZAHOL: AFGHANS REPORT THAT ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 22 MUJAHIDIN ATTACKED A DRA CONVOY NEAR DALAT. ACCORDING TO ONE OF THE SOURCES, THE MUJAHIDIN DISABLED THREE DRA ARMORED VEHICLES WITH RPG ROUNDS. THE CONVOY ABANDONED THE THREE VEHICLES AND MOVED ON TO KANDAHAR.

8. (LCU) PARWAN: A RELIABLE AFGHAN SOURCE REPORTS SOVIET AND DRA FORCES ARE MOVING TO THE PANJSHIP TO COMBAT MUJAHIDIN FORCES WHICH IN LATE OCTOBER BLOCKED THE PRINCIPAL ROAD THROUGH THE VALLEY. A SEPARATE REPORT CLAIMS THAT SEVERAL MUJAHIDIN WERE KILLED BY SOVIET ARTILLERY FRAGMENTATION ROUNDS WHICH IMPACTED ON MUJAHIDIN POSITIONS NEAR BAGRAM, OCTOBER 30. A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT REPORTS THAT MUJAHIDIN HAVE STAGED FREQUENT ATTACKS RECENTLY ON SOVIET CONVOYS MOVING ON THE SALANG ROAD SOUTH OF THE SALANG TUNNEL. THE MOST RECENT SUCH ATTACK WAS OCTOBER 25. MUJAHIDIN ATTACKS NORTH OF THE TUNNEL HAVE BEEN LESS SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF STRONGER SOVIET DEFENSE ALONG THAT SECTION OF THE ROAD. NORTH OF THE TUNNEL, SOVIET ARMORED UNITS ARE PERMANENTLY POSITIONED ALONG THE SALANG AND MOVE IN TO SEAL THE ROAD AND ENGAGE ATTACKING MUJAHIDIN UNITS QUICKLY.

9. (LCU) BAMIYAN: ACCORDING TO AN AFGHAN SOURCE, SOVIET AND DRA FORCES SINCE APPROXIMATELY OCTOBER 20 HAVE BESIEGED BAMIYAN TOWN AND SURROUNDING AREAS. SHELLING CIVILIAN AREAS AS WELL AS SUSPECTED MUJAHIDIN CONCENTRATIONS. SOVIET AND DRA FORCES HAVE NOT PERMITTED CIVILIANS TO MOVE OUT OF THE AREA DESPITE MOUNTING CIVILIAN CASUALTIES.

10. (LCU) KANDAHAR: KNOWLEDGEABLE DIPLOMATS REPORT HEAVY CURRENT FIGHTING AROUND KANDAHAR CITY.

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HOSPITALS OF MANY CASUALTIES FROM THE FIGHTING. THE
REMAINS OF FIVE URA TROOPS KILLED BY A MINE WERE
BROUGHT TO KAPUL, OCTOBER 31. A DIPLOMAT OF
UNDETERMINED RELIABILITY REPORTS THAT MUJAHIDIN,
OCTOBER 10, ATTACKED THE KANDAHAR GOVERNOR'S
RESIDENCE. A NUMBER OF URA DEFENDERS WERE KILLED IN
THE CLASH.

11. (LOU) WARDAK: AN AFGHAN REPORTS MAJOR FIGHTING

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UNDERWAY IN THE MAIDAN SHAR AREA. 3COMMENT: A LARGE SOVIET CONVOY THAT LEFT KABUL OCTOBER 29, SEE MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS PARA 19, MAY HAVE BEEN BOUND FOR THE MAIDAN SHAR AREA.) SEPARATELY, AFGHAN SOURCES REPORT A MUJAHIDIN ATTACK ON A URA POST NEAR MAIDAN SHAR ON OCTOBER 24 AND AN OCTOBER 23 ATTACK ON A SOVIET POST AT NAKI-MAIDAN SHAR IN WHICH MUJAHIDIN OVERRAN THE INSTALLATION.

12. (LCU) NANGARHAR: RELIABLE DIPLOMATS REPORT THAT MUJAHIDIN CONTINUE TO FIRE ROCKETS AND PLANT BOMBS IN JALALABAD AT A RATE HIGHER THAN IN THE RECENT PAST. CITY RESIDENTS REPORTEDLY ARE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SAFETY. AN AFGHAN REPORTS CHRONIC, INTENSE FIGHTING AT ASMAR (35°02'N 71°22'E).

13. (LCU) PAKTIKHA: A DIPLOMAT OF UNDETERMINED RELIABILITY CLAIMS THAT MUJAHIDIN NEAR KHAMSAH (PHONETIC, UNLOCATED) RECENTLY DESTROYED A SECTION OF THE GAS PIPELINE TO THE SOVIET UNION.

14. (LCU) HERAT: AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT CLAIMS MUJAHIDIN KILLED A MUJAHIDIN TURNCOAT NAMED SAYEE DOOR AND HIS SON.

15. (LCU) KONAR: AN UNTESTED SOURCE CLAIMS MUJAHIDIN ARE ATTACKING URA POSTS IN THE KONAR.

16. (LCU) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS: KAFUL CONTINUES TO FACE A SHORTAGE OF GASOLINE. LINES OF HUNDREDS OF VEHICLES HAVE FORMED DAILY AT GAS STATIONS SINCE OCTOBER 22. SOME PRIVATE VEHICLES APPEAR TO BE RELYING ON BLACK MARKET PURCHASES. ONE WELL-SOURCED REPORT CLAIMS THAT THE REGIME HAS VIRTUALLY EXHAUSTED ITS 1986 GASOLINE STOCKS. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, THE REGIME IN 1986 REW UPON THE 1987 WUTIT FAD CONTRACTED FOR FROM THE SOVIETS AND NOW HAS COME UP SHORT FOR ITS 1987 REQUIREMENTS. REGULAR MOVEMENT OF MILITARY FUEL CONVOYS ON THE SALANG DURING THE WEEK. A TRAVELLER'S REPORT THAT THE SALANG IS OPEN, AND A SIMILAR SHORTAGE IN LATE-DECEMBER 1986 AND EARLY-JANUARY OF THIS YEAR LENDS CREDENCE TO THIS ACCOUNT.

B. POWER SHORTAGES: POWER OUTAGES HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY FREQUENT THROUGHOUT THE CAPITAL SINCE EARLY OCTOBER.

C. PRICE RISES: A COMPARISON OF OCTOBER 1986 AND OCTOBER 1987 MARKET PRICES INDICATES SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES FOR MOST STAPLES, INCLUDING: 61 PERCENT INCREASE IN GRAIN PRICES; 38 PERCENT INCREASE FOR VEGETABLES; 83 PERCENT INCREASE FOR FRUITS AND A 45 PERCENT INCREASE FOR MEATS. ALL PRICE INCREASES EXCEED THE FALL IN VALUE OF THE AFGHANI OVER THE SAME PERIOD

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WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT (144 AFGHANIS PER
ONE U.S. DOLLAR IN OCTOBER 1986, TO 173 AFGHANIS
CURRENTLY).

17. (LOU) POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS:

A. PDPA PRA DELEGATION TO MOSCOW: NAJIBULLAH LED A
PARTY AND STATE DELEGATION TO MOSCOW, OCTOBER 31, TO
ATTEND THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOLSHEVIK

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THE SIZE OF THE DRA MILITARY TO 200,000 (SEE "MILITARY
DEVELOPMENTS" PARA 19), JRA P

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PITY HAS

INCREASED MURKEDGY WITH BOYS USMHUR AS 1/ BEING

CRAGOUNED OFF THE STREETS AND EVEN OUT OF SCHOOLS. IN

AN APPARENTLY RELATED DEVELOPMENT, REGIME AUTHORITIES

HAVE CONJOINED OFF WITH BARBED WIRE AN AREA IN FRONT OF

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A MAJOR SARANDOI INDOCTION CENTER IN WAZIR AKHAR KHAN
DEPENDENTS IN THE PAST HAVE STAGED DEMONSTRATIONS IN
ATTEMPTS TO RAHLMEYRELEASE OF THEIR SONS.

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A. MAJOR SOVIET COLUMN REPA

TS KARUL: ON OCTOBER 29

BETWEEN 0810 AND 0900 HOURS, A SOVIET COLUMN OF 300 TO
400 VEHICLES LEFT KARUL HEADED SOUTHWEST ON THE UGHAZNI
ROAD. THE COLUMN INCLUDED SELF-PROPELLED GUNS AND WAS
FOLLOWED LATER IN THE DAY BY RM-27 MULTIPLE ROCKET

LAUNCHERS. A LOSSILY RELATED DEVELOPMENT, (R3) R:90534 -156:056 (49. (-27) 59 543
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B. EQUIPMENT MODIFICATIONS: OBSERVERS NOTED EIGHT
SOVIET TRAILERS CARRYING WHAT APPEARED TO BE ROCKETS
FOR RM-2 MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHERS. EACH VEHICLE HAD
A SMALL CRANE POSITIONED NEAR ZENAR. 1-157' 05836
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SOVIET MILITARY HOSPITAL. EACH BEARING A
RED-CROSS
IN IGNIA.

C. NAJIBULLAH DISCUSSES DRA TROOP STRENGTH: IN A
RECENT SPEECH NAJIBULLAH CLAIMED THE FOLLOWING TROOP
STRENGTH FOR DRA ARMED FORCES: DRA ARMY, 40,000;
SARANDOI, 30,000; FRONTIER FORCE 300; UK
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SUFFOLTY FORCES 27,000. SEPARATELY, A RELIABLE SOURCE
PUTS THE STRENGTH OF DRA VILLAGE MILITIA AT 16,000. IN
THE SPEECH, NAJIBULLAH SET AS AN OBJECTIVE AN INCREASE
OF TOTAL DRA ARMED FORCES STRENGTH TO 215,000 (15,000
OF WHICH SPECIFICALLY WOULD BE ADDED TO SARANDOI
FORCES). (COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THESE FORCE LEVELS TO
BE ROUGHLY ACCURATE THOUGH IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT
MILITIA AND FRONTIER FORCES GENERALLY ARE OF
QUESTIONABLE EFFECTIVENESS DUE TO POOR TRAINING,
INADEQUATE EQUIPMENT AND DUBIOUS LOYALTY TO THE
REGIM. POOR TRAINING ALSO LIMITS DRA ARMY
EFFECTIVENESS. WHILE DUBIOUS LOYALTY AND FACTIONALISM
(AMONG THE OFFICER CORPS) GENERALLY A MITSTHEN
EFFECTIVENESS. ALL DRA MEN UNGRIZRMS/9

D. ROAD SECURITY: AS OF OCTOBER 29, ACCORDING TO AN
AFGHAN SOURCE, THE UGHAZNI ROAD SOUTH OF MAIGAN SHAR WAS
BLOCKED TO CIVILIAN TRAFFIC.

E. AIR MOVEMENT: DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, THE
VOLUME OF NIGHTTIME UL
LHNNHGFIDKXWING AIRCRAFT
REMAINED AT THE SAME LEVEL AS THE PREVIOUS 2

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2K. CLPSSIBLY DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER ON OCTOBER 27. THERE
WERE NO IL-76 ARRIVALS/DEPARTURES. ON OCTOBER 31.
THREE IL-76'S LANDED AT KAHUL IN THE LATE AFTERNOON AND
THEN DEPARTED LATER IN THE EVENING. A TOTAL OF 24
IL-76'S ARRIVED/DEPARTED DURING THE WEEK. THE AN-72
CLINE AIRCRAFT, NEWLY DEPLOYED TO AFGHANISTAN, APPEARS
TO HAVE A MORE POWERFUL ENGINE WHICH ENABLES IT TO
CLIMB QUICKLY TO ALTITUDE AFTER TAKE-OFF. DIPLOMATS
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REPORT THAT DEPARTING SOVIET AND URN HELICOPTERS
CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN LOW-LEVEL FLIGHT IN THE KARUL AREA
BUT HAVE BEGUN TO FLY WITH GREATER SPACING BETWEEN
AIRCRAFT IN FORMATION. THE NUMBER OF BAKHTAR YAK-40
CODLING AIRCRAFT FLYING IN AND OUT OF KARUL IN RECENT
WEEKS HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY.

20. (LCU) KARUL MEDIA:

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A. OCTOBER 31: KAHUL TELEVISION NOTED THAT
DELEGATIONS FROM SOVIET TADZHIKISTAN AND UZBEKISTAN
RESPECTIVELY VISITED MAZAR-I-SHARIF AND MET WITH
OFFICIALS IN KAHUL.

B. OCTOBER 27: ACCORDING TO KAHUL MEDIA AN ATTEMPT TO
PLANT A BOMB AT THE PLAZA HOTEL WAS FOILED.

C. OCTOBER 24: KAHUL REPORTED THE SIGNING OF AN
ECONOMICAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROTOCOL BETWEEN
THE DRA AND SOVIET UNION FOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND
MINING. A SENIOR SOVIET GEOLOGICAL TEAM CURRENTLY IS
IN AFGHANISTAN.

D. OCTOBER 25: THE KAHUL MEDIA CLAIMED THAT 1987 UN
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DRA AMOUNTED TO 13 MILLION DOLLARS.

21. (C) NOT TO BE BRIEFED TO PRESS:

A. REPORT OF TWO U.S. JOURNALISTS KILLED IN
AFGHANISTAN: THE MFA CLAIMS TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE
REGARDING THE DEATH OF TWO U.S. JOURNALISTS IN
AFGHANISTAN BUT HAS AGREED TO INVESTIGATE THE REPORTS.

B. SOVIET AIRCRAFT COLLIDE: A DRA SOURCE REPORTS THAT
ON OCTOBER 23, A SOVIET FIXED WING AIRCRAFT CARRYING
SOVIET MILITARY PERSONNEL TO THE SOVIET UNION COLLIDED
WITH A SOVIET HELICOPTER NEAR EITHER KAHUL OR BAGRAM
AIRPORT. A TOTAL OF 23 OR 29 SOVIETS WERE KILLED
(COMMENT: WE HAVE NOT AS YET BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THIS
REPORT.)

C. KARMAL MOVED FROM MOSCOW?: A RELIABLE DIPLOMAT
REPORTS A RUMOR THAT FOLLOWING RECENT ATTEMPTS BY
AFGHAN STUDENTS TO CONTACT BAKRAK KARMAL IN MOSCOW, HE
WAS MOVED TO IRKUTSK. THERE ARE OTHER REPORTS OF A
POSSIBLE MOVE TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

22. MOSCOW MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. GLASSMAN

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